

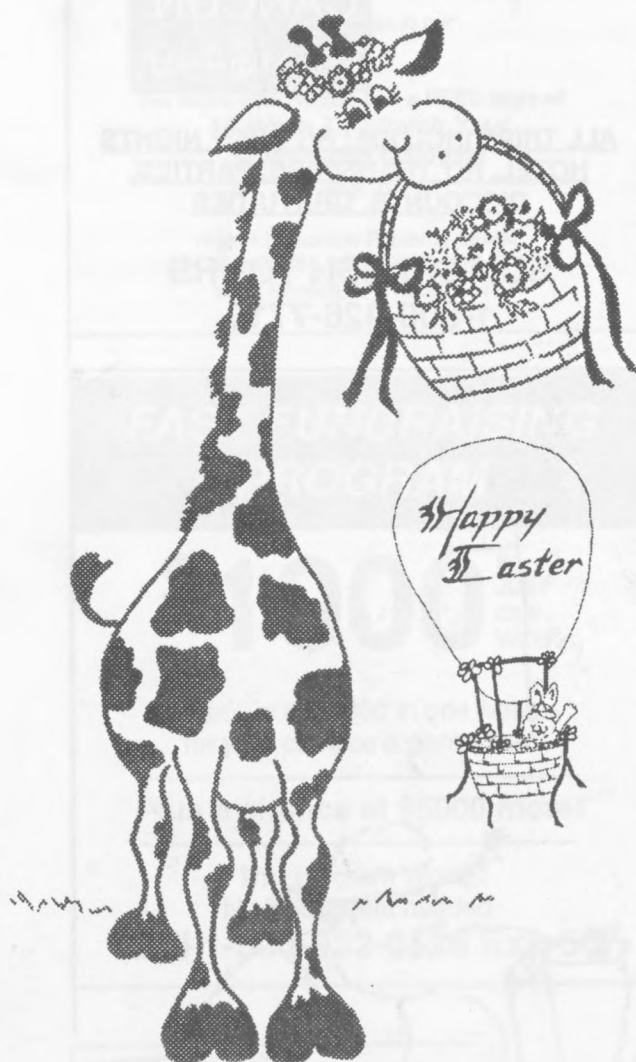
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Event's Planned for the Good of Your Stomach

The Second Annual TASTE OF DAEMEN will be Friday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m., in the Wick Dining Center. Admission for two is an ethnic dish or a dessert to serve six. Plan now to amaze the Daemen community with your culinary prowess!

Can't cook? No pots and pans? Foodservice Director John Gerrity has a solution. Gerrity will prepare one of several ethnic dishes for you! Just give your meal number to Student Affairs by Tuesday, April 2, and your "admission" will be precooked for the food event of the semester.

As at last year's TASTE OF DAEMEN, all dishes will be color-coded, pink for meat entrees, green for vegetable dishes. There will also be a display of crafts and clothing from around the world, as well as music from various countries.

Join your friends and colleagues on Friday, April 5, for what is becoming Daemen's tastiest social event. The dinner attracted over 100 people last year, and is expected to be even more popular this year. Be sure to fill out the coupon below.

Yes—Register me for the eating event of the year!

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Rape Prevention Seminar to Focus on Self-Defense

Gary Castanza, a nationally renowned martial artist, will conduct an anti-rape self-defense seminar on Tuesday, March 26, at 7 p.m., in the Wick Social Room. This program is intended to complement last Fall's rape prevention workshop, but this time with a more hands-on, tactical self-defense focus.

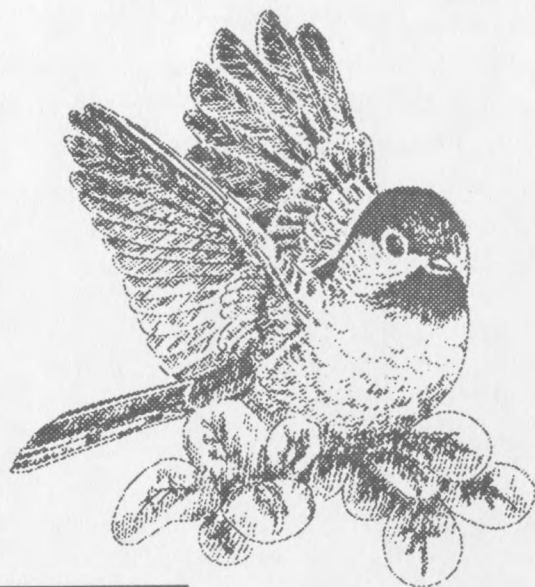
This seminar should be informative and exciting, says Chris Malik of the Student Activities Office, which has arranged the program. A flyer with additional information will be distributed soon.

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Gulf Soldier Glad to Kick Saddam's Butt, Resents Protestors

by Tshana Cooper

"I don't know what I felt. I never had time to think," says Joe Harris, a 19 year old soldier who spent two months on duty in the Persian Gulf before being sent back to the states because of injuries sustained during an air raid.

Harris, from North Tonawanda, agrees, however, with Bush's decision to declare war. "I felt good when I found out we were finally going to get to do something about [Saddam] Hussein. What would have happened had we not stopped him? Hitler only wanted on thing," says Harris. "Hussein wants everything."

Just as Harris is against Hussein, he is also against the anti-war protestors. "While we were sitting back waiting for war to be declared, we were watching them on the news. They're nuts," says Harris. "They're screaming, 'Peace in the Middle East,' and at the same time beating each other up. They were fighting before we were."

Like most Americans, Harris is also disappointed in the news coverage of the Gulf war. "They've said things backwards, not telling you a lot of guys are getting hurt, but reporting stuff that a lot of us aren't supposed to know."



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Gulf Washes Over Viet Nam

by Tshana Cooper

Throughout the gulf war we were constantly reminded to "support the troops." Yellow ribbons signifying support of the troops could be seen everywhere: on lapels, on trees, on television. Even those who did not approve of the war supported the troops. As a matter of fact, for the past seven or eight months, in one way or another, all that America has been doing is supporting the troops.

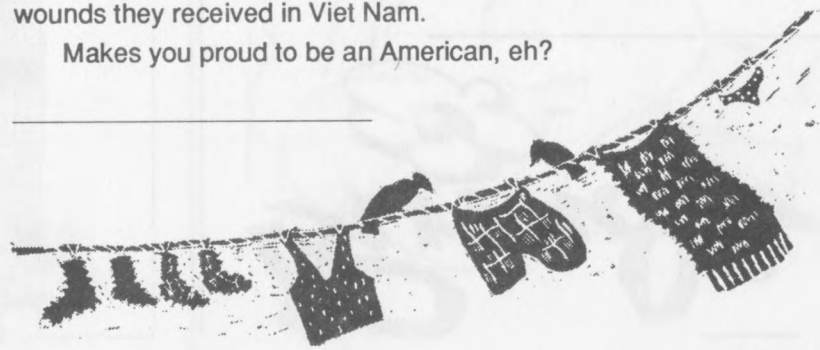
What about this war demanded so much support for the soldiers fighting in it? Or, an even better question, what was it about the Viet Nam war that warranted such a display of animosity towards the soldiers who fought it? Was the Persian Gulf War so drastically different? Isn't collateral damage the same thing as civilians killed? Were the lives of the Viet Nam soldiers a little less valuable?

Like the Persian Gulf soldiers, the Viet Nam soldiers did as the government told them. Besides that, what did they do that so angered the American public? Was their crime that they obeyed the government or were old enough to fight an unpopular war? If that's the case, why haven't the Persian Gulf soldiers also been persecuted?

When the Viet Nam soldiers returned they were made to come face-to-face with a country that did not believe a surviving Viet Nam vet was anyone to be proud of, much less honored. In place of a hero's welcome, these vets were spit at, hit with rocks, and cursed at. They had to learn the hard way that "fighting for your country" isn't so honorable. It isn't even worthwhile.

What do the surviving Viet Nam vets have to show for the duties they fulfilled in that war? Memories of the cruel treatment they were met with upon their return from Viet Nam? Now, a great deal of those vets are lying up in hospitals, probably suffering more from the mistreatment they had to endure from fellow Americans than from the wounds they received in Viet Nam.

Makes you proud to be an American, eh?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

David Wilsey, in the February 1991 *Ascent*, failed to cover fully the issue of on-campus events. When a reporter writes an article, the reporter should speak to all parties concerned. If unable to do this, the reporter should state an attempt was made to reach the concerned parties.

Perhaps Wilsey could have avoided this problem by speaking with the Executive Board of Student Association, the Director of Student Activities, the Associate Dean for Student Affairs, or any organization president. These people may have provided Wilsey with some insight.

The *Ascent* should not have been used as a gripe point for Wilsey, but rather as a forum for the well-rounded discussion of an apparent problem.

Peter Lee Brodie, SA Treasurer

Dear Editor

David Wilsey's article in the February 1991 *Ascent* was very degrading to Daemen student organizations, all of which sponsor events on and off campus. Wilsey specifically states in his article that "all of the parties seem to have a cookie cutter appearance." However, he fails to support this claim with evidence. We would like to familiarize him with the facts that he has overlooked.

Specifically, our group sponsors many creative, original, and imaginative functions, such as The Dating Game, Jailhouse Rock, and The Slam-Dunk Contest. Therefore, we find it difficult to take Wilsey seriously. Quite frankly, we are offended. Wilsey should attend an event sponsored by us or any other organization in order to witness the true originality and spirit that fills the room.

booga booga Beta

Dear Editor

In "Social Events on Campus Lack Creativity, Originality" (February 1991), David Wilsey could have mentioned numerous creative and original parties, for example, Phi Mu's "Surfin' Safari" party in the Ratt, Sigma Omega Chi's "Calendar Guy's Contest," and Lambda Chi Iota's "Graffiti Party."

But Daemen has changed over the past five years, and party attendance has decreased. The student organizations are fighting to improve the social life at Daemen. Administrative policies and the lack of student support do not help. We do need "to bring the keg and music back to Daemen." But the organizations can not do it alone. The *Ascent* should use its power of the press to stir up the students as a whole, not just the organizations.

Lambda Chi Iota

Dear Editor,

On January 14, 1991, the day before classes began, seven junior physical therapy students were dismissed from the Program for not meeting the PT Department's academic requirements. However, there are several students who also did not meet the same requirements, but they are still in the Program. If rules are made to be followed, why did the PT Department feel it was necessary to make exceptions to its academic demands. Everyone who fell below the requirements should be dismissed, not just a few.

Perhaps one reason for such action is that Daemen graduates such a large PT class, and this is the College's way of decreasing the number of students in the class. If this is the case, why does Daemen accept so many students into the Pro-

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gram, only to "weed out" students in such an unjust manner? We have invested over thirty thousand dollars and three years for nothing.

Also, the PT Department has failed to inform all students of options concerning the time frames in which to make these decisions. Could this be another way to help lower the number of graduates in the Program? I was always under the impression that faculty were here to help students, but in this case they have hidden certain policies and options from us. For the eleven thousand plus dollars we pay to attend Daemen, one would think we wouldn't have to put up with all the lies and deceitfulness we have encountered.

I hope such a mockery of the educational system doesn't exit at other colleges and universities. For if it does, then this doesn't say much for higher education in America today.

John Strife

Dear Editor,

I have an observation to communicate regarding the *Ascent* that is not overly profound; and, coming from a faculty member, it may not even be welcome. However, as a long-standing member of the Daemen community, I regard the publication as a reflection of my concerns, as well as those of Daemen students.

I must infer—from my own experience with student publications—that the staff of the *Ascent* is both dedicated and hardworking. But sweat and devotion are not enough to create a college news organ. One expects from a college publication a certain outrageousness, a *panache*, that somehow projects students' contacts with new and exciting ideas and the freedom from commercial restraints that allows the full expression of their own ideas. Let's face it, other than the occasional editorial that stirs up a little interest, the *Ascent* is

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It has been said that the city of Florence thrived during that great period of awakening we call the Renaissance because it kept alive the spirit of criticism.

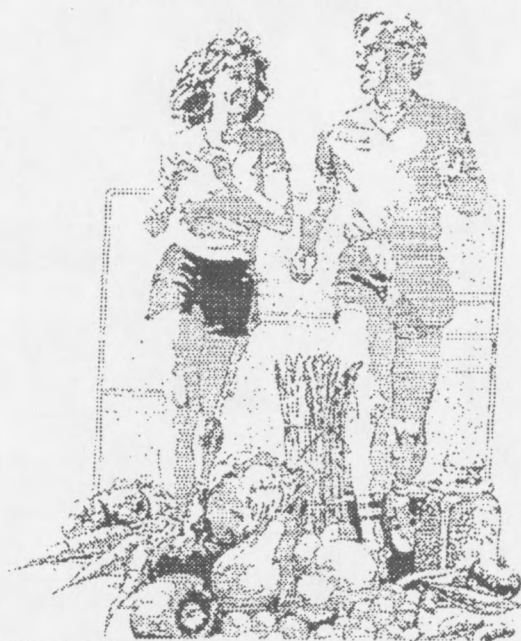
Does any similar spirit exist on the newspaper staff? Are there any Daemen student writers capable of expressing such a spirit—not in straight news articles, which generally should remain anonymous, but in features and columns in which individuals express their opinions and attach their names to them?

These are the life-blood of college journalism: political columns, sports columns, arts columns, even gossip—pieces that indicate there is thinking occurring and which encourage their readership to think and to apply the kind of classroom learning that is intended to develop a capacity for criticism.

Professor Peter A. Siedlecki

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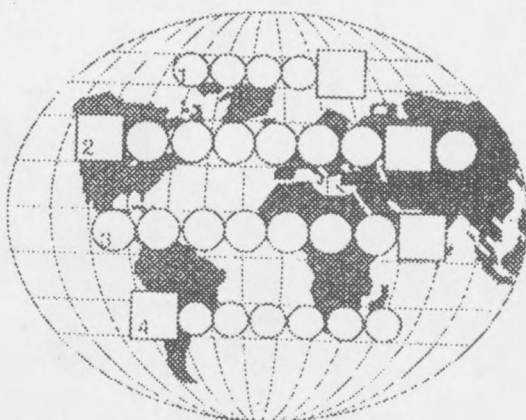
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2. Cut down on total fat intake.
3. Eat more high-fiber foods.
4. Eat fruits/vegetables rich in vitamins A & C, and choose more cabbage-family vegetables (some are also high in vitamin A or C.)
5. Limit alcohol intake, if you drink.
6. Eat less salt-cured, smoked, and nitrate-cured foods.

PEACE CORPS WORLD WIZE PUZZLE

For further information about Peace Corps, write Box 896, Washington, DC 20526

INSTRUCTIONS: The U.S. Peace Corps has volunteers serving in more than 70 nations around the world. By solving this puzzle, you will learn about one of these nations.

Solve the four numbered puzzle words and then unscramble the letters in the squares to produce the name of the country darkened on the map.



Daniel Arap Moi is the President of this former British Colony.



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1. The U.S has banned the importation of this product.
2. A unit of measurement
3. Large lake named after English Queen
4. Capitol of this nation

Solution: 1. Ivory 2. Kilometer 3. Victoria 4. Nairobi = Kenya

Students Busy Volunteering Time to Help Others

Thanks to all those "chefs and hosts" who served the needy at the **City Mission** on February 16, 23, 24, and March 9: K. Green, D. Mascio, L. Moore, D. Stachowski, D. Parent, S. Noboa, T. Minton, L. Lovewell, L. Johnson, H. Kubicki, M. Jordan, M. Luschin, F. Underwood, the Community Service Director, and the Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers.

Gateway had some great decorations for Valentine's thanks to **Sigma Omega Chi**.

Lambda Chi Iota continues sending letters and cards to soldiers in the Gulf.

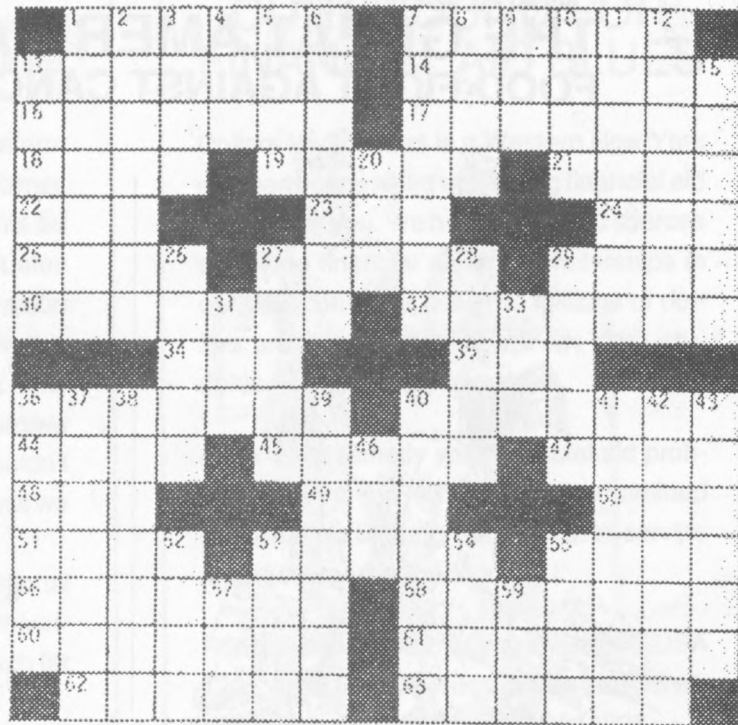
IGA will be sponsoring a wild and wacky talent show to those dear folks at **Beachwood**.

The **Education Club** had four selling newspapers to benefit **Children's Hospital** at 6:30 a.m.! Those people deserve to have their names mentioned—P. Zelakiewicz, L. Volpe, D. Bednarczyk, and M. Gephart.

Sigma Phi Epsilon conducted another successful blood drive in Wick on February 13. It certainly was the appropriate donation for the week of St. Valentine's Day.

And thanks to everyone who donated during the February 27-28 food drive on campus. Acting as "walking advertisements" were C. Eckstein, M. Jordan, D. Ware, A. Lango, and C. Burrows.

collegiate crossword



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Across

1. Meditators
7. Drink taken after a drink
13. Church in Rome
14. Natural environment
16. Former
17. City in California
18. Gives a bad review
19. Chess pieces
21. Overly proper person
22. Part of TGIF
23. Kith and _____
24. Horse
25. Nuremberg no
27. Detroit athlete
29. Ticket sales for an event
30. Dessert item
32. Defamed
34. Louisville slugger
35. _____ Yat-sen
36. Propriety of behavior
40. Loses weight
44. Man from Mecca
45. The devil
47. Store sign

Down

48. Nod off
49. American league team (abbr.)
50. Part of MPM
51. Patron
53. African capital
55. Take a bride
56. Persist at, as a point
58. From these
60. Religious recluse
61. Flitter
62. Conditions
63. Cuddle
1. Sea mammal
2. Kitchen device
3. Tennis match parts
4. Gad's son
5. Highway part
6. Enter figuratively (2 wds.)
7. Station
8. Dutch painter
9. Former pro league
10. Kitwis
11. Rome, The — City
12. Show joy

13. Moving like a horse

15. Having a label
20. Toopee
26. Important person
27. _____ Andronicus
28. Ascended
29. "Trivial Pursuit" edition
31. Feather's partner
33. Lou's partner
36. Vienna's river
37. Schoolroom need
38. Short sleeveless garment
39. Becomes due, as a note
40. Rutgers' river
41. Balance sheet section
42. Lift up
43. Peaceful
46. Metric _____
52. Hindu deity
53. _____ board
54. _____ order
55. Whip mark
57. _____ part
59. Ralph Kramden's vehicle

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